

Conservation of Momentum Problems

1. Calculate v_2' and E_{thermal} produced during the partially elastic collision if:

$m_1 = 5.00 \text{ kg}$, $v_1 = 1.00 \text{ m/s}$ [E30°S], $v_1' = 3.00 \text{ m/s}$ [E40°N], $m_2 = 7.00 \text{ kg}$, $v_2 = 5.00 \text{ m/s}$ [E40°N]

($v_2' = 3.17 \text{ m/s}$ [E28°N], $E_{\text{th}} = 32.3 \text{ J}$)

2. Multiple Collisions: In the following diagram, m_1 and m_2 collide inelastically then m_{2+1} and m_3 collide elastically then m_3 collides with the spring, causing a maximum compression of 1.60 m.



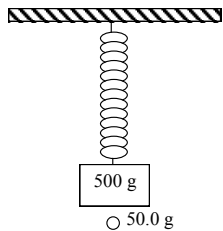
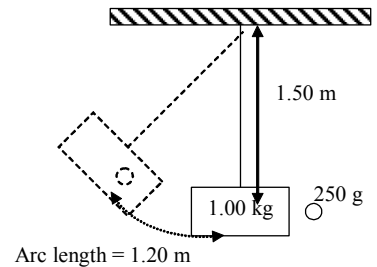
a) Calculate the spring constant b) Calculate Δt from contact to maximum compression and total time in contact with spring c) Calculate maximum acceleration of m_3

($v_{12}' = 3.50 \text{ m/s}$ [E]) ($v_{12}' = 0.72 \text{ m/s}$ [E], $v_3' = 3.22 \text{ m/s}$ [E]) a) $k = 20.3 \text{ N/m}$ b) 0.78 s, 1.56 s c) 6.50 m/s^2

3. Ballistic Pendulum: A bullet is fired at a wooden block on the end of a string. Calculate v_1 for the bullet if:

$\theta = 45.8^\circ$, $h = 0.45 \text{ m}$ and $v_1' = 3.00 \text{ m/s}$

($v_1 = 14.93 \text{ m/s}$)



4. Ballistic Spring: Given a spring with an unstretched length of 1.50 m and a length when 1.00 kg is hanging at rest = 2.00 m. (use this to determine k)

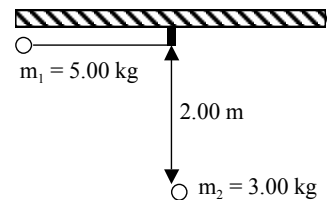
If a bullet hits 500 g block suspended from the spring and combination rises 1.00 m. Calculate v_1 for the bullet if the $v_1' = 6.12 \text{ m/s}$

($k = 19.6 \text{ N/m}$, $v_1 = 67.3 \text{ m/s}$)

5. Another pendulum: m_1 is released from rest and collides with m_2 when it is directly below its pivot point. Calculate h' for m_1 if the collision is

a) inelastic (0.78 m)

b) elastic (0.125 m)



6. Another Multiple Collision problem: The blocks are moving as indicated in the diagram. All collisions are elastic. Determine the velocity of each block after all collisions have occurred. The surface is frictionless.



($v_1' = 10.0 \text{ m/s}$ [W], $v_2' = 20.0 \text{ m/s}$ [E], $v_2'' = 11.25 \text{ m/s}$ [E], $v_3'' = 16.25 \text{ m/s}$ [E])